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SUBJECT: HARASSMENT OF EMBASSY GOVERNESS AND EMBASSY DEPENDENTS

1. DURING JUNE 11 CALL ON MFA CONSULAR ADMINISTRATION OFFICIALS G.A. BOSIKOV AND V.G. KOVALENKO, CONSOFF RAISED TWO RECENT EXAMPLES OF HARASSMENT BY SOVIET AUTHORITIES OF MEMBERS OF US RESIDENT COMMUNITY MOSCOW. FIRST INCIDENT INVOLVED EXTENSIVE SEARCH OF HELEN SULLIVAN, GOVERNESS EMPLOYED BY ASST. ARMY ATTACHE ROLAND LAJOIE, ON JUNE 7 AT VYBORG. SULLIVAN HAD COMPLAINED TO CONSOFF JUNE 10 THAT DURING LENGTHY CUSTOMS SEARCH, SOVIET OFFICIALS BROKE CIGARETTES AND HIGHLY PERSONAL ITEMS TAKEN FROM HER PURSE WHILE TAUNTINGLY PASSING THEM FROM OFFICER TO OFFICER. CUSTOMS OFFICIALS ALSO CONFISCATED FILM FROM SULLIVAN, ALTHOUGH OTHER DAMAGED ITEMS WERE RETURNED TO HER.

2. BOSIKOV TOOK WRITTEN NOTE OF INCIDENT, THEN STATED THAT, AS CONSOFF AWARE, CUSTOMS SEARCHES WERE ROUTINE AND NORMAL PRACTICE IN BOTH US AND USSR. HE ADDED THAT ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS SOVIET CITIZENS HAD BEEN SUBJECTED TO INAPPROPRIATE SEARCHES BY US CUSTOMS. CONSOFF REPLIED THAT WHILE HE HAD NO

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QUARREL WITH "LAW-GOVERNED" ("ZAKONOMERNYY") CUSTOMS

EXAMINATIONS, THERE WAS NO JUSTIFICATION FOR DAMAGE TO NON-PROHIBITED PERSONAL PROPERTY DURING SEARCHES. BOSIKOV SAID INCIDENT WOULD BE INVESTIGATED.

3. FOLLOWING THIS EXCHANGE, CONSOFF ASKED BOSIKOV TO ADVISE PROPER AUTHORITIES THAT MILITIAMEN HAD IN RECENT PAST INAPPROPRIATELY DELAYED EMBASSY ACCESS TO BROTHER OF EMBOFF MOXHAY AND TO SON OF MINISTER-COUNSELOR. CONSOFF SAID CONSULAR CONVENTION QUARANTEED FREE ACCESS TO EMBASSY EXPLICITLY TO AMERICAN CITIZENS, AND INCIDENTS IN WHICH MILITIAMEN "HINDER" OR HARASS DEPENDENTS OF EMBASSY PERSONNEL ARE EMBARRASSING TO ALL. BOSIKOV AND KOVALENKO ACTED AMUSED BY COMPLAINT, APPARENTLY INTENDING TO CHIDE CONSOFF FOR RAISING MATTER INVOLVING MERE "CHILDRED." CONSOFF REPEATED COMPLAINT, ADDING HE FELT MATTER TO BE SERIOUS REFLECTION ON MILITIAMEN'S BEHAVIOR. BOSIKOV SAID IF HE WERE CONSUL, HE WOULD PERSONALLY ARRANGE WITH MILITIAMEN TO AVOID SUCH PROBLEMS.

CONSOFF RESPONDED THAT CONTROL OF MILITIAMEN WAS NOT EMBASSY RESPONSIBILITY, AND REPEATED REQUEST THAT AUTHORITIES BE ADVISED TO PREVENT FURTHER OCCURRENCES OF HARASSMENT.

4. KOVALENKO THEN SPOKE IN GENERAL TERMS RE INCIDENTS IN VICINITY OF SMUN AND SOVEMBASSY WASHDC, SAYING HE THOUGHT US DIPLOMATS WERE SAFER IN USSR THAN THEIR SOVIET COUNTERPARTS IN US. CONSOFF SAID HE BELIEVED US POLICE WERE RESPONSIVE TO ANY SOVIET COMPLAINTS ON SUBJECT, BUT IN ANY CASE HIS REQUEST WAS CONFINED TO PROBLEM OF ACCESS RATHER THAN SECURITY.  
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